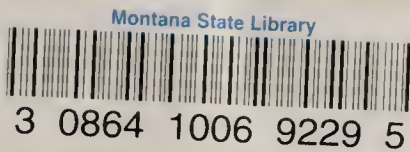


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OF THE  
MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
  
TO THE  
GOVERNOR OF MONTANA  
HONORABLE FORREST H. ANDERSON

FOR THE  
FISCAL YEAR ENDED  
June 30, 1970





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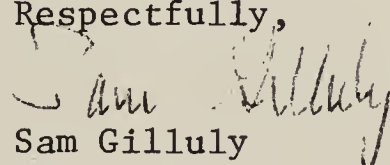
September 17, 1970

The Honorable Forrest H. Anderson  
Governor  
State of Montana  
Helena, Montana 59601

Dear Governor Anderson:

In accordance with the requirements of Section 82-4002, R.C.M., 1947,  
we herewith transmit to you the report of the Montana Historical Society  
covering the fiscal year ended June 30, 1970.

Respectfully,

  
Sam Gilluly  
Director.

SG/vk



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# PRINCIPAL OFFICES AND OFFICERS

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

OFFICER TERM OF OFFICE	HOME ADDRESS
Mrs. Charles A. Bovey, President 6-16-67 - 7-1-72	P. O. Box 1653, Great Falls
Dr. Ray O. Bjork 7-1-68 - 7-1-73	1716 Eighth Avenue, Helena
Dr. Merrill G. Burlingame 2-1-67 - 7-1-71	1419 South Willson, Bozeman
Joseph S. Dent 8-4-67 - 7-1-70	Route 1, Box 292, Miles City
Mrs. Stella A. Foote 7-1-67 - 7-1-72	1207 Hillhaven Way, Billings
Newell Gough, Jr. 7-1-68 - 7-1-73	P. O. Box 1686, Helena
Judge Ben Harwood 7-1-65 - 7-1-70	P. O. Box 926, Billings
Mrs. A. C. MacDonald 7-1-69 - 7-1-74	1500 River Avenue, Glendive
E. E. MacGilvra 7-1-68 - 7-1-73	305 Silver Bow Block, Butte
Albert Partoll 2-1-67 - 7-1-71	418 East Spruce, Missoula
Whitney Smith 7-1-67 - 7-1-72	P. O. Box 1158, Whitefish
Willis B. Spear 7-1-65 - 7-1-70	Busby
Harold G. Stearns 2-1-67 - 7-1-71	Harlowton
Branson G. Stevenson 7-1-69 - 7-1-74	715 Fourth Avenue North, Great Falls
Wilbur P. Werner 7-1-69 - 7-1-74	P. O. Box 1244, Cut Bank



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PRINCIPAL OFFICES AND OFFICERS (Continued)

PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Sam Gilluly, Director

R. B. Duffy, Business Manager

Harriett Meloy, Librarian

Vivian Paladin, Magazine Editor

Robert F. Morgan, Curator

PRINCIPAL OFFICE

Veterans and Pioneers Memorial Building, Helena



## GENERAL REVIEW

Programs of the Society are administrative, merchandise and magazine, museum and galleries and historical library.

Most apparent service of the Society is through its museum and galleries division and accompanying art and historical displays designed to educate and inform approximately 115,000 visitors annually on the history, tradition and artists of Montana. This is an educational function for thousands of citizens and their children. Also attracted are many out-of-state visitors.

The historical library, which has one of the most complete collections among Western state historical societies, provides a source of original materials for writers, historians, news media, graduate and undergraduate students in the University system and other universities, and for citizens seeking information. The library provides services and facilities for many state agencies, as well.

Merchandising of historical books, art prints, limited bronze castings and other items provides the Society with an important source of revenue to further its programs.

Major item in the Society's publication program is its historical quarterly, MONTANA, The Magazine of Western History. It has the largest circulation of any society publication in the United States.



## LEGAL REFERENCES

Statutory authority for operations of the Montana Historical Society is provided by Section 44-523, R.C.M., 1947.

### STATE ARCHIVES

The 1969 Legislative Session, in Section 82-3208, R.C.M., 1947, designated the Montana Historical Society as the State Archives, also providing for appointment of a State Archivist by the Society Director.



## PRINCIPAL GOALS

The Montana Historical Society's goals are well defined in its statutory authority. In general they are to collect, preserve and interpret historical information and objects.





PROGRAM INVENTORY AND COST SUMMARY

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>COST</u> <u>1969-70FY</u>
Administration	\$ 78,941.27
Library	68,462.53
Museum and Galleries	38,003.40
Magazine	85,182.61
Merchandise	<u>224,422.03</u>
Total	<u><u>\$495,011.84</u></u>



## MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In general, the Society enhanced and accelerated its program as outlined under its principal goals.



## DETAILED REVIEW

Major attention of the staff and board this fiscal year was devoted to the new wing of the Veterans-Pioneers Memorial Building, to the opening of the Society's largest single new display area, Territory Junction, and to urgently needed staff additions.

Territory Junction was opened on July 11, 1969, and first day's attendance totaled more than 2,500.

Programmed and budgeted additions to the Museum division brought Kenneth Gibson, assistant curator and preparator, and Robert D. Gant, assistant curator and registrar. Mr. Gant revised and upgraded the museum acquisition and registration methods for gifts and loans, and the library also worked out a new system and forms for its acquisition operations. These are both of extreme importance in operation of the Society.

Harold Chambers, Library cataloger, began work after receiving his Master's degree at the University of Washington. Betty Tarvin began work as library secretary, the first time the librarian has had secretarial help.

For the first time, Magazine Editor Vivian Paladin had a full time assistant in Mrs. Barbara Rackley.

The Society for the first time acquired a security guard full time in Raleigh Sheriff, a needed position in view of the multi-million dollar values of art and other displays. This is a start of what should be even stronger security.

In keeping with the Society's new responsibilities as the state archival agency, Archivist John Coleman completed work for his Master's degree in this field while on educational leave and at the University of Montana.



MONTANA, The Magazine of Western History, under Editor Vivian Paladin, received a national first place award from the National Federation of Press Women.

Major gains were made in sales of Russell bronzes during the year. The Society issued a new color print catalog as part of its sales program. Distribution of the catalog was quickly reflected in increased sales of prints.

Among several contributions, a major one of \$1,000 was given by the Schoknecht Family Foundation of Libby and Kalispell. It financed a new introductory section to the formal museum. Also, the Montana Tavern Association gave \$1,000 for the saloon display in Territory Junction.

Acquisition of historic papers and archives in the library under Librarian Harriett Meloy continued in heavy volume. Among major acquisitions were copies of rare Virginia City photographs from Charles Bovey; several hundred early-day photos (with negatives) of the Missoula-Bitterroot area by Mr. and Mrs. John Maloney; the official records and correspondence of former Governor J. Hugo Aronson for his period in office; both Attorney General's and State Prison records; and collections from the Montana Coal & Iron Company, Butte Land and Investment Company, the Broadwater-Pepin Trading Company, and Marguerite Greenfield. Many smaller collections became part of the library's permanent collection.

With an improved budget situation, the library stepped up its microfilming program and also acquired additional equipment the better to serve library patrons.

Dr. John Hakola of the University of Maine, former Montanan, was engaged for summer's work in classifying and arranging the T. C. Power





collection. He called it one of the major collections in the West and stated it reveals material that will change the history of Montana.

Librarian Meloy, her staff and the director initiated the first of a series of inter-library conferences. These brought representation from all University unit history departments and libraries. Goal was to co-operate in the collection and utilization of history materials, with emphasis on working together to keep collections in Montana; too many have left the state.

In the museum-gallery section, under Curator Robert F. Morgan, a new and interesting Charles M. Russell<sup>1</sup> sketch was placed on loan by the Town of Cascade. The Society is selling print reproductions.

It also was a heavy year of acquisitions for the museum, with literally scores of items received as gifts.

Demonstrating the heavy volume of acquisitions in the museum-gallery division, a total of 73 donors presented about 12,000 different objects and artifacts during the year. This reflects in part a great deal of publicity about the Society and its new museum facilities. Gifts have come in small and large collections. For example, about 3,000 specimens were acquired from the old Parchen Drug store in Helena; a collection of 1,900 specimens came from the old Blake Building in Helena.

In view of the increase in museum collections and the storage situation, it is obvious the Society must become more selective in what is accepted. This also points to the need for a written policy on acquisitions.

As the year closed, the entire Society staff was very busy in making plans for the opening of the new wing (opened July 31).



PROJECT COSTS BY OBJECT OF  
EXPENDITURE AND SOURCE OF FUNDING

1969-70 FISCAL YEAR

ADMINISTRATION

OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

Salaries and Wages	\$ 43,353.70
Employee Benefits	4,844.74
Supplies and Materials	5,139.58
Communications	5,002.88
Travel	2,387.20
Contracted Services	10,083.79
Special Fees	1,857.80
Repairs and Maintenance	1,612.38
Capital Equipment	<u>4,659.20</u>
Total Expended	<u>\$ 78,941.27</u>

SOURCE OF FUNDING

General Fund	\$ 78,472.64
Benton Avenue Fund	<u>468.63</u>
Total Funding	<u>\$ 78,941.27</u>



PROJECT COSTS BY OBJECT OF  
EXPENDITURE AND SOURCE OF FUNDING  
1969-70 FISCAL YEAR

LIBRARY

OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

Salaries and Wages	\$ 32,304.55
Employee Benefits	3,304.85
Supplies and Materials	1,885.28
Communications	1,202.62
Travel	370.32
Contracted Services	1,642.24
Special Fees	324.95
Capital Equipment	<u>27,427.72</u>
Total Expended	<u>\$ 68,462.53</u>

SOURCE OF FUNDING

General Fund	<u>\$ 68,462.53</u>
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PROJECT COSTS BY OBJECT OF  
EXPENDITURE AND SOURCE OF FUNDING  
1969-70 FISCAL YEAR

MUSEUM AND GALLERIES

OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

Salaries and Wages	\$ 24,628.95
Employee Benefits	2,221.78
Supplies and Materials	2,783.72
Communications	241.72
Utilities	518.86
Travel	580.73
Contracted Services	4,506.18
Special Fees	6.90
Repairs and Maintenance	178.66
Capital Equipment	<u>2,335.90</u>
Total Expended	<u>\$ 38,003.40</u>

SOURCE OF FUNDING

Earmarked Revenue	\$ 36,203.40
Private Revenue	<u>1,800.00</u>
Total Funding	<u>\$ 38,003.40</u>





PROJECT COSTS BY OBJECT OF  
EXPENDITURE AND SOURCE OF FUNDING  
1969-70 FISCAL YEAR

MAGAZINE

OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

Salaries and Wages	\$ 23,420.79
Employee Benefits	2,312.59
Supplies and Materials	49,828.19
Communications	1,464.61
Travel	581.38
Contracted Services	2,544.29
Special Fees	595.35
Repairs and Maintenance	277.54
Capital Equipment	<u>4,157.87</u>
Total Expended	<u><u>\$-85,182.61</u></u>

SOURCE OF FUNDING

Revolving Account	<u><u>\$ 85,182.61</u></u>
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PROJECT COSTS BY OBJECT OF  
EXPENDITURE AND SOURCE OF FUNDING  
1969-70 FISCAL YEAR

MERCHANDISE

OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

Salaries and Wages	\$ 15,027.74
Employee Benefits	1,557.15
Supplies and Materials	188,099.89
Communications	4,336.97
Travel	23.39
Contracted Services	8,249.69
Special Fees	6,994.12
Repairs and Maintenance	60.48
Capital Equipment	<u>72.60</u>
Total Expended	<u><u>\$224,422.03</u></u>

SOURCE OF FUNDING

Revolving Account	\$109,474.34
Russell Revolving Account	114,589.69
General Fund	<u>358.00</u>
Total Funding	<u><u>\$224,422.03</u></u>

